

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SAFE AND ACCURATE FOOD LABELING ACT OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2015

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1599) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to food produced from, containing, or consisting of a bioengineered organism, the labeling of natural foods, and for other purposes:

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Chair, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 1599, the Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015. This legislation would prohibit the Food and Drug Administration from developing a national genetically modified organism (GMO) labeling system for food, block any state or local laws to require GMO labeling, and ultimately deny consumers the right to know what is in their food.

Nearly 90 percent of consumers wish to know if their food contains GMO ingredients and I believe Americans should have that same right that 64 other nations have already provided their citizens.

H.R. 1599 lets down the American consumer and for that reason I am opposed to this legislation and encourage the House of Representatives to take up legislation that adequately addresses this issue and gives consumers the information they demand.

TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE DISTRICT 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Tarrant County College District on 50 years of making a difference in Tarrant County.

Fifty years ago, the citizens of Tarrant County came together to establish the Tarrant County Junior College District. Its creation marked the tradition of providing knowledge, skills and the hope for a better future to the people of Tarrant County.

At its founding, the College enrolled 4,272 students at its original South Campus. Within its first five years, the College created its curriculum, built and staffed two campuses and received full accreditation. Today, the Tarrant County College District includes 21st century curriculums for its students in fields as varied as healthcare, aviation and firefighting.

Because of the unbridled optimism of its leadership and the dedication to its mission, Tarrant County College District has seen its enrollment soar to more than 100,000 students each year. The original campus has

been joined by five others that serve the community, and future growth is on the horizon.

Tarrant County College District is, has been and will continue to be, an integral part in the success of so many people in our community.

I offer my hearty congratulations to Chancellor Erma Johnson Hadley, the faculty, students and alumni of Tarrant County College District on this 50th Anniversary and look forward to their continued success.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL

HON. STEVE RUSSELL

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the House floor to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The NCHC, which is dedicated to achieving excellence in education in diverse subject and curriculum areas currently, represents over 800 colleges and universities around the country and over 325,000 students in honors programs. To recognize these achievements, I have sponsored House Resolution 360 which was introduced last Friday and was supported by my colleagues as original cosponsors, Reps. BOUSTANY, BENISHEK, BISHOP and COLE. H. Res. 360 commemorates the hard work that these students and their faculty and administrators have undertaken with the NCHC over the past five decades to maintain U.S. preeminence in education. As a member of the House Education and the Workforce Committee, I salute the NCHC and its officers for their valuable contribution to the high education of our young people.

I would also like to honor Southern Nazarene University, in my district, on their membership in the National Collegiate Honors Council. Having just completed their 7th year as an honors program, SNU's curriculum emphasizes service leadership and real-world application. As a part of the curriculum students in the Honors Program at SNU are required to write a grant on behalf of a local Title1 elementary school, where the first year honors students also mentor two children each throughout their first year of college. To date, the SNU Honors Program first year students have had just under \$15,000-worth of their grants funded in the four years they have been doing this experience.

Most of the graduates of the SNU Honors Program continue on in their education, with the majority attending medical, professional, or graduate school directly after graduation from SNU.

HONORING JOEY MENDOZA

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Joseph "Joey" Mendoza Jr., who passed away on July 23, 2015, surrounded by his family and friends. A third-generation member of a pioneering Point Reyes ranching family, Joey Mendoza was a very active leader within the local agricultural community and has been among the industry's most steadfast and passionate supporters.

Joey Mendoza was born on December 30, 1943, to Joe Sr. and Doris "Scotty" Mendoza and was raised on the family's historic working ranch in Point Reyes National Seashore, known as 'B' Ranch, where he also attended the one room school house located on that property. He went on to graduate from Tomales High School in 1961 before completing his education at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

During his long career as a dairyman and agricultural advocate, Joey Mendoza was dedicated to the success of his family business. He shared his leadership skills and comprehensive knowledge of the dairy industry by contributing to the boards and committees of numerous organizations, including the Western United Dairymen, the Dairymen's Feed Co-op, and the Marin County Farm Bureau, where he served as board president from 1982 to 1984. The California State Milk Pooling Board, the Point Reyes National Seashore Ranchers Association, the California Gold Co-op, the Redwood Empire Holstein Association, and the North Bay Dairy Herd Improvement Association also benefitted from his support.

Known for his keen sense of humor and his ability to balance the principles of environmental stewardship while advancing economic viability and protecting future success for the long-standing ranching legacy in Point Reyes National Seashore, Joey was a reliable friend to the agricultural community, the National Park Service, and the extended West Marin community alike. Able to forge consensus around vexing and controversial issues, his steady thoughtfulness, strength, and wit were a model for others and won't be soon forgotten. Even as he battled cancer in his final days, Joey was a force to be reckoned with and respected by all.

While he was an incredibly dedicated rancher throughout his life, Joey never missed an opportunity to participate in social gatherings, enjoy a hunt with his deer club, or support the San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, and his beloved Tomales Braves. His love for his family and friends was immense, and his passing leaves a void.

Mr. Speaker, Joey Mendoza's legacy is one of dedication to the local agriculture and broader West Marin ranching community. It is therefore appropriate to pay tribute to him today and express deepest condolences to his

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